

## SCHOOL POPULATION

In 2002-03, more than 53,500 students attended Chesterfield County's 59 public schools. School enrollment has continued to increase, with the greatest growth in enrollment occurring at the middle and high school levels.

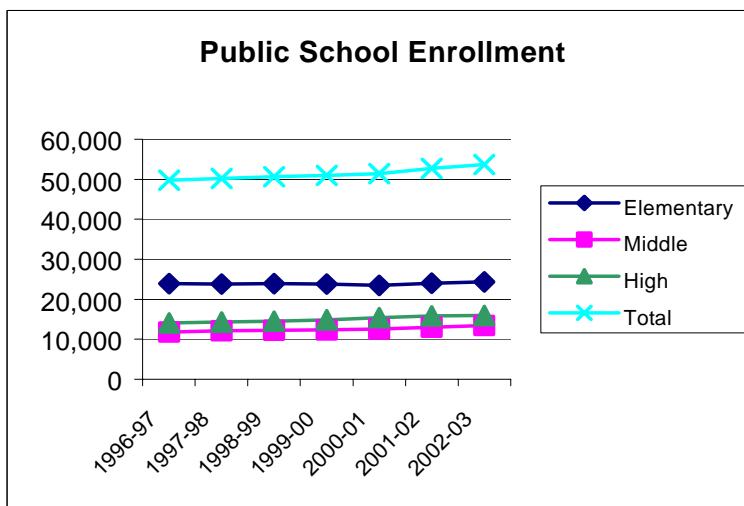
The schools have become more ethnically diverse, including a growing number of immigrants for whom English is not their native language. Family structure has gradually changed since the mid-1990s, with more Chesterfield County Public School students living with only one parent.

### Public School Enrollment

(as of Sept. 30 of the school year)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-2002	2002-03
<b>Elementary</b>	23,899	23,786	23,926	23,766	23,448	24,000	24,330
<b>Middle</b>	11,835	12,083	12,230	12,301	12,549	12,937	13,385
<b>High</b>	14,047	14,314	14,465	14,864	15,379	15,789	15,906
<b>Total</b>	49,781	50,183	50,621	50,931	51,376	52,726	53,621

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools



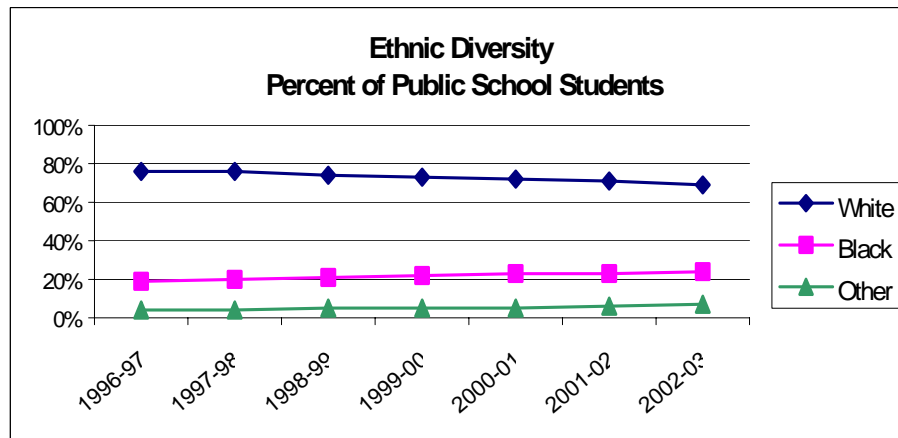
### Ethnic Diversity in the School Population

(as of Sept. 30 of the school year)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<b>White</b>	76%	76%	74%	73%	72%	71%	69%
<b>Black</b>	19%	20%	21%	22%	23%	23%	24%
<b>Other</b>	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%

Source: Virginia Department of Education

In the "Other" category in 2002-03, Asians made up 3 percent of the total school population; Hispanics, 4 percent; and American Indian or Alaskan .47 percent.



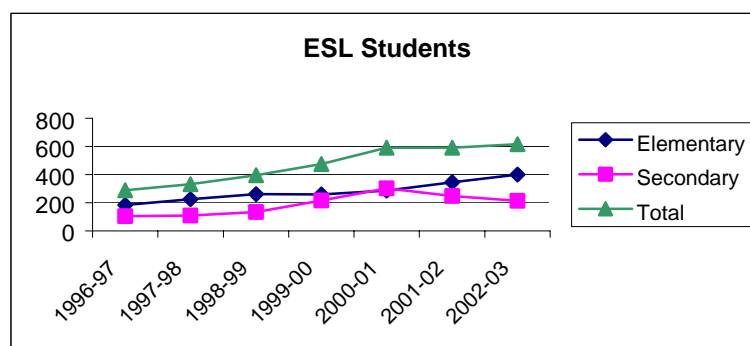
### Students in English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs

(as of Sept. 23 of the school year)

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
<b>Elementary</b>	184	224	261	259	287	345	400
<b>Secondary</b>	104	108	135	215	303	247	215
<b>Total</b>	288	332	396	474	590	592	615

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools

Students in the ESL program are recent immigrants and are predominantly from Asian countries, such as Cambodia, Vietnam, China, Japan and Korea, or Spanish-speaking countries, such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Columbia.



### Family Structure of Chesterfield County Students

Percent of students living with:	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03
Two parents (including step-parents)	74%	73%	72%	71%	71%	71%	70%
Single parent (mother or father)	24%	25%	26%	25%	26%	27%	27%
Foster parents, guardian or other	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%

Source: Chesterfield County Public Schools

